

# Better bounds on the rate of non-witnesses of Lucas pseudoprimes

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Thus, 1517 is not prime ( $1517 = 37 \cdot 41$ ).

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- $D = 5$ . In this real case,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{5}]} \cong \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]$ .

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Let  $P, Q$  be integers such that  $D = P^2 - 4Q \neq 0$ . Let  $\tau$  be the quotient of the two roots of  $x^2 - Px + Q$ . For  $n$  an odd prime not dividing  $QD$ , put  $n - (D/n) = 2^k q$  with  $q$  odd. One of the following is true:

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## Theorem (Arnault)

Define

$$SL(D, n) = \# \left\{ (P, Q) \mid \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq P, Q < n, \quad P^2 - 4Q \equiv D \pmod{n}, \\ \gcd(QD, n) = 1, \quad n \text{ is slpsp}(P, Q) \end{array} \right\}$$

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where  $\varepsilon_i$  is determined by the Jacobi symbol  $(D/p_i)$  such that  $p_i$  is a prime factor of  $n$ .

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17 fewer trials are required using the improved bound.

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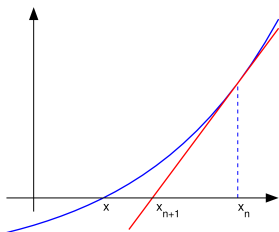
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Let  $x_0$  be a guess of a root of the function  $f$ . A sequence of better approximations  $x_n$  is defined by

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}.$$



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- What must be true of such  $n$ ?

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